

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S297–S404

Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2470–2473, and S. Res. 349–352. **Page S346**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 347, honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar and condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on November 20, 2015.

S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S345**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide: Senate agreed to S. Res. 350, congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship. **Page S400**

National School Choice Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 351, designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2016, as “National School Choice Week”. **Page S400**

Space Shuttle “Challenger” 30th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* and of Teacher in Space S. Christa McAuliffe of Concord, New Hampshire. **Page S401**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S299–S326**

Adopted:

Murkowski (for Barrasso/Schatz) Modified Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2953), to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources. **Pages S299, S310–11**

Murkowski (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 2968 (to Amendment No. 2953), to clarify the definition of the term “smart manufacturing”. **Pages S299, S311**

By 87 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 7), Murkowski (for Crapo) Amendment No. 3021 (to Amendment No. 2953), to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science. **Pages S299, S311**

By 62 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 8), Murkowski (for Markey) Amendment No. 2982 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review and submit a report on energy production in the United States and the effects of crude oil exports. **Pages S299, S311–15**

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 9), Murkowski (for Schatz) Amendment No. 2965 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the funding provided for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy. **Pages S299, S302–10, S315–25**

Murkowski (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 3029 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the modernization of the energy policy for Indian tribal land. **Page S325**

Murkowski (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 2984 (to Amendment No. 2953), to include water and wastewater treatment facilities among energy-intensive industries and to expand the role of the institution of higher education-based industrial research and assessment centers. **Page S325**

Murkowski (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3001 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to national goals for geothermal production and site identification. **Page S325**

Murkowski (for Capito/Manchin) Amendment No. 3063 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require a study of the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States. **Pages S325–26**

Murkowski (for Daines/Tester) Amendment No. 3020 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the reinstatement of the license for the Gibson Dam project. **Pages S325, S326**

Murkowski (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3067 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modernize certain terms relating to minorities. **Pages S325, S326**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S299**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Page S299**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements. **Page S299**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 1, 2016. **Page S401**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

14 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S399–S400**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Terrence J. Campbell, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S401–04**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Pages S311, S312, S315**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S401.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General John W. Nicholson Jr., USA, to be general and Commander, Resolute Support, and Commander, United States Forces—Afghanistan, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kirk, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping Americans prepare for retirement, focusing on increasing access, participation and coverage in retirement savings plans, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Alicia H. Munnell, Boston College Center for Retirement Research, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; and John J. Kalamarides, Prudential Retirement, Hartford, Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, with amendments;

H.R. 1493, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1882, to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu, with amendments;

S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization;

S. Res. 347, honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar and condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on November 20, 2015; and

The nominations of Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service.

HHS PLACEMENT OF MIGRANT CHILDREN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Health and Human Services' placement of migrant children; after receiving testimony from Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, and Robert Carey, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Jennifer Justice, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Columbus; Tiffany Nelms, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Arlington, Virginia; and Kimberly Haynes, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, Maryland.

GENERIC DRUG USER FEE AMENDMENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine generic drug user fee amendments, focusing on accelerating patient access to generic drugs, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, with an amendment;

S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Susan Paradise Baxter and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

SBIR/STTR REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer programs, focusing on the importance of small business innovation to national and economic security, after receiving testimony from Robert Smith, Director, Department of the Navy SBIR/STTR Programs, Office of Naval Research, Department of Defense; John Williams, Director of Innovation and Technology, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Robert J. Kline-Schoder, Creare LLC, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Jere W. Glover, National Small Business Association Small Business Technology Council, Annapolis, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 4395–4397; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 591–592 were introduced. **Page H375**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H375–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3700, to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–397);

H.R. 1675, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans (H. Rept. 114–398);

H.R. 1965, to exempt smaller public companies from requirements relating to the use of Extensible Business Reporting Language for periodic reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–399);

H.R. 686, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies (H. Rept. 114–400);

H.R. 2356, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–401);

H.R. 766, to provide requirements for the appropriate Federal banking agencies when requesting or

ordering a depository institution to terminate a specific customer account, to provide for additional requirements related to subpoenas issued under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–402); and

H.R. 2354, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to review all its significant regulations to determine whether such regulations are necessary in the public interest or whether such regulations should be amended or rescinded, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–403). **Page H375**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Sensenbrenner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H373**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Kurt Gerhard, St. Patricks Episcopal Church, Washington, DC. **Page H373**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, February 1st for Morning Hour debate. **Page H373**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3700, the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Budget Views and Estimates, 5 p.m., HVC–304.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, February 1

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Program for Monday: To be announced.

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